



Newsletter

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Adams 12 Five Star Schools

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Brett Drobney, Principal Donald Beuke, Assistant Principal

Principal's Message

Believe it or not, another holiday season is just around the corner. I don't know if it's my age or just the pace of life, but no matter how much planning I do, I am never ready for this hectic time of year. I am certain your lives are just as busy, so I want to be the first to offer my gratitude and sincere wishes for a safe, reflective holiday season.

Thank you for your confidence in me to be Woodglen's principal. It's been a wonderful four years meeting so many wonderful children and families. Woodglen is a wonderful school.

Thank you for allowing me to help educate your child. I realize you have numerous educational choices. I am ecstatic you decided to send your child to Woodglen.

Thank you for your support of Woodglen's clubs, events, and programs that enrich the entire school community. Without your support, we could not provide the depth and breadth of activities that positively impact so many lives.

Finally, thank you for your endless dedication to your child. Parenthood is the hardest job on the planet, so I want you to know how much I appreciate your hard work and sacrifice.

Sincerely,

Brett Drobney

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 11/06- Vision & Hearing Screening• 11/10- NO SCHOOL- Parent Teacher Conferences
8:00 a.m.—8:00 p.m.
Scholastic Book Fair in the library
Volunteer Screening- Room D• 11/11- NO SCHOOL- Veteran's Day• 11/13- End of First Trimester• 11/17- PTO Meeting 6:00—7:30 p.m.• 11/25- NO SCHOOL- Compensation Day | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 11/26 & 11/27- NO SCHOOL- Thanksgiving Vacation• 12/01- PTO Meeting 6:00—7:00 p.m.• 12/07- Student Assessment Day• 12/08—12/12- Holiday Gift Shop in Room D• 12/12- PTO Breakfast with Santa 8:30—10:30a.m.• 12/15- PTO Meeting 6:00—7:30 p.m.• 12/21—01/04- NO SCHOOL- Winter Break• 01/05- Return to School |
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Student Illness

Children should typically be kept home if the following symptoms are present. If you have questions, or are unsure of whether to keep your child home from school please consult with your physician, or call your school health aide or district registered nurse.

Rashes -Child should stay home unless a note provided by a doctor states the rash is not contagious or until the rash resolves on its own.

Vomiting and Diarrhea -Child should stay home until symptom-free for one day.

Fever of 100 or more - Child should stay home until fever free for 24 hours.

Strep Throat - Child may return after 24 hours of antibiotic treatment and when symptom-free.

Common Cold - Keep your child at home if your child is not "feeling well", has a fever, has a lot of nasal discharge, or has a persistent cough.

"Pink Eye" (Conjunctivitis) - Child should stay home until physician determines the infection is not contagious.

Impetigo - Child should stay home until your physician advises their return.

Chicken Pox - Child should stay home for approximately one week after symptoms appear or until all papules (water-filled lesions) are scabbed or crusted over.

Persistent Cough - Child should stay home if the cough is persistent or disrupts class.

Untreated drainage from a wound, eye or ear infection - Child should stay home until physician advises his or her return.

In general, if you are unsure whether or not to send your child to school, you should keep your child home for a day. Please let the school know any time your child has a communicable disease or serious illness.

Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment supports the Superintendent's Policies

Administration of Medications at School

Generally children do not need to take medication during the school day. However, when your doctor prescribes a prescription or over-the-counter medication that must be taken at school, Superintendent's Policy 5420 identifies the steps which must be followed:

1. All medication given at school must have a medication request form signed by both a parent/guardian and a physician. It must provide information stating the name of the medication, the dosage, when the medication needs to be taken and why the medication is being given. These medication request forms are available at school. **This policy applies to prescription medication and all over-the-counter medications** such as Tylenol, cough syrups, eye drops, ointments, etc. Cough drops are not considered medication under this policy, and therefore, parent and physician authorization is not required for a student to have them at school.

2. Medication must be provided by the parent in a pharmacy labeled bottle prescribed for the student or in the original over-the-counter container.

3. All medication is kept in a locked area in the school health office. **Students are typically not allowed to keep medication with them** (in their lunch box, backpacks, etc.).

a. Students may carry certain medications when a physician specifically authorizes this in writing. Those medications may include (1) inhalers necessary to control asthma or other respiratory conditions; and (2) other medications for serious health conditions which may require immediate intervention.

b. The health aide or other designated staff will administer prescribed medication according to parent/physician instructions. All medication administered at school is recorded on the student's medication record and initialed by the staff person administering the medication.

c. All unused medication not picked up will be discarded by a registered nurse at the end of the school year.

d. To save time and repeat doctor visits, please have your physician complete or fax a written permission for the school at the time he/she prescribes any medication that may be administered at school. If necessary, two containers (one for school and one for home) can be requested at your pharmacy.

When can my child come back to school?

Your child should stay home from school until **24 hours after** he or she is free of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications. Your child should not attend day care or congregate with other students outside of school during this time. A doctor's note, prescription, or negative H1N1 test is **not** needed for your child to return to school.

***If your child is ill please remember to call the attendance line. If your child does have flu like symptoms or is diagnosed with H1N1, please state that on the attendance line.

Message From the Assistant Principal

Dear Parents,

We have had a wonderful start to the year; however, there has been a recent rise in tardies issued during the morning. We have had as many as 30 tardies the last few days. It is impacting the morning routine for our teachers as well as our office staff. We need your support on getting students to school ready to learn.

Woodglen's daily entrance procedure begins at 7:40 a.m. and students are allowed to go directly to their classrooms between 7:40 and 7:45 a.m. Two bells will ring in the morning. The 7:40 a.m. bell signifies that students may enter the classrooms. The 7:45 a.m. bell signifies all students should be in their seats ready to begin class. Students entering their classrooms after 7:45 are considered tardy.

Please encourage students to be on time.

Thanks for your continued support.

Library Corner:

We have been introducing EBSCO and Worldbook online to the students at Woodglen. These two Internet databases are available for your student to access at home and require only a user ID and a password. These databases are available through the library page [toward the bottom] on the Woodglen website. Worldbook has a lot of new features. It will read the text to you or translate the text into a different language. Please take advantage of these great research aids. The user IDs and passwords were sent home on a bookmark from the library. Please tell your student to ask for another bookmark if one is needed for use in your home.

Don't forget the Scholastic Book Fair coming up in November during Parent Teacher Conferences.

Carla Ronholdt

Teacher Librarian

Counselor Corner:

Building Your Child's Self-Esteem

Self esteem is much like learning to ride a bike or read. With assistance, practice and support from parents, teachers, peers and important stake holders, each child can develop a positive self image that leads to a happy and successful life. Research has found that children with positive self esteem are able to: act independently, assume responsibility, take pride in his accomplishments, tolerate frustration, attempt new tasks and challenges, handle positive and negative emotions, and offer assistance to others. Here are a few ways to assist in the development of your child's self esteem.

- Reward your child. Give praise, recognition, a special privilege or increased responsibility for a job well done. Make an effort to emphasize their successes through praise.
- Encourage your children to participate in activities that make them feel good.
- Have reasonable expectations for your child. Help them set reachable goals so they can achieve success.
- Show them that they are important to you. Spend time with them, attend school events, talk with them about their activities, and meet their friends.
- Give criticism without attacking their character. Criticize the behavior, not the child.
- Make yourself available for support, that will show them that you are invested and care.

Activities at home that can foster self-esteem:

1. Ask a family member about a time when he or she felt bad or inferior in comparison with others. What did he or she do to feel better?
2. Look for ways to compliment family members for their good qualities and positive things they did. Then write notes or a journal about how they responded and how you think they felt.
3. Play a "ways to appreciate myself" game with family members. Going around a circle, each person tells about something he or she does in times of self-doubt. It could also be things to say to yourself when you're feeling down or ways to remind yourself of your good qualities (Copyright Elkind+Sweet Communications / Live Wire Media.

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Volunteer Screening Procedures

All volunteers must be screened against a national registered sex offender database.

Volunteer screening will be available at Woodglen Elementary on Tuesday, November 10, 2009 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. (during conferences) in Room D. Please bring your driver's license and line up outside of Room D to allow privacy for the volunteer being screened.

OR

Pick up form from school office. Fill out upper portion and take to the Communication Center at the Education Support Center along with your driver's license. Regular hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. A Communication Center representative will scan your driver's license and fill out the bottom portion of the form. Return the form to Woodglen.

If later hours are needed, call the Communication Center at 720-972-4911 and make an appointment. The Communication Center is open 24/7.

District outlines deadlines for Choice process

Last year, the Adams 12 Five Star Schools received more than 1,800 Choice applications for the 2009-2010 school year. In accordance with the state's open enrollment law, the district's Choice Program allows for students to apply to schools outside of their normal attendance boundary. Those who are approved for Choice are responsible for their own transportation.

Both in-district and out-of-district students can apply for Choice. Out-of-district Choice requests are considered after in-district applications. Acceptance to a Choice school is based upon several criteria: availability of space, sufficient teaching staff, appropriate programs and the necessary facilities for special needs students.

The deadline for priority consideration is January 15, 2010. Parents and students submitting an application for priority consideration will be notified of the results of their application in February 2010. If the number of requests exceeds the spaces available for priority consideration in a given school, the district will hold a lottery.

The second and final deadline to submit a Choice application for the 2010-2011 school year will be March 15, 2010. These requests will be considered based upon the date of the application. Notification of approval or denial will be made no later than the first week of April.

Applications received after March 15, 2010 will not be considered for the 2010-2011 school year.

The district determines the acceptance of Choice requests. Special programs like all day tuition-based kindergarten, International Baccalaureate (IB), Legacy 2000, Hulstrom Options School, The Studio School and Century Middle MYP do not go through the Choice Program. Application and acceptance to those programs go through the individual school.

Parents of all day tuition-based kindergarteners should note that enrollment in that program does not automatically mean the student will go to the same school for first grade. The student must apply through the Choice Program for first grade placement if he/she wants to go to a school other than his/her boundary school. Also note that the school the child attended for kindergarten may not necessarily be open for Choice.

The duration of a Choice placement is valid only for the grades which that school serves. For example, if students attend a Choice elementary school, the approval is valid to the end of fifth grade, as long as there are no significant changes in that school's enrollment or facilities. When students transition from elementary to middle school, or from middle to high school, they must reapply for Choice. If they don't, the students' placements automatically revert to their boundary school.

While not a guarantee, when possible, priority will be given to siblings' applications for Choice so that families will attend the same school.

Adams 12 Five Star Schools will determine the schools open to Choice for the 2010-2011 school year no later than Dec. 10, 2009. These will be published in the December issue of the Five Star Journal and will be posted online at the district web site at www.adams12.org.

Applications are available at each school, at the Educational Support Center, and online at the district web site. To learn more about the Choice Program and get answers to frequently asked questions, please visit the district Web site at www.adams12.org/P-S/choice.asp

CHECK WRITING PROCEDURES

ALL checks written to Woodglen Elementary must have your current telephone number printed or written on your check.

Thank you.

Box Tops Contest Winners

John & Kate Morton

614 Box Tops

Thanks to everyone

Please keep turning in the
Box Tops

Century Middle School is currently seeking applicants for the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program (IBMYP) for the 2010-2011 school year. The IBMYP is an academic program for highly motivated students who have demonstrated *solid* academic skills and a high degree of personal responsibility. The curriculum will follow guidelines set forth by the International Baccalaureate Organization (IBO). The educational aim of the program is to awaken the intelligence of students and teach them to relate the content of the classroom to the realities of the world outside school. Combined with their knowledge and critical thinking, students will engage in enriching and challenging experiences that emphasize the ideals of International understanding and citizenship. Application to this program is open to all students within our school district. Students who are accepted into the IBMYP will automatically be choiced into Century. Transportation is not provided outside of Century's designated boundaries. The deadline for applications is January 29, 2010.

For more information, or to print an application, please visit the Century Middle School web page at <http://www.century.adams12.org>. For additional information on the IBMYP and the International Baccalaureate, visit <http://www.ibo.org>